

I support the FIST's petition for the retainment of CW as an exam element for amateur radio licensing. CW is fundamental to radio communication in it's simplest form and is a requirement for the higher commercial radio licenses which many hams used to strive for.

Although CW may not be an everyday mode used in the US Armed forces, it still is required learning for radio officers in the military. Is not one of the reasons for the existence of Amateur Radio the training of a pool of seasoned radio operators in case of the US's need for operators in time of war and emergencies?

It's also my opinion that the last restructuring and exam syllabus changes have made the General and Extra class tickets too simplified.